

## **IN RECOGNITION OF “ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH”**

WHEREAS, hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in electrical accidents; and

WHEREAS, the estimated deaths from residential electrical-related fires are more than four hundred and eighty-eight lives annually; and

WHEREAS, one person is electrocuted in the home each day and five more each week in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, property damage due to electrical-related fires amounts to nearly \$890 million each year; and

WHEREAS, following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent injury or death to thousands of people each year; and

WHEREAS, citizens are encouraged to check their home and workplace for possible electrical hazards to help protect lives and property; and

WHEREAS, citizens are encouraged to test their smoke detectors and ground fault circuit interrupters monthly and after every major electrical storm; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) and the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) promote and educate the public about the importance of respecting electricity and practicing electrical safety in the home, school and workplace; and

WHEREAS, the Electrical Department of the Mental Health Center is actively helping to move this effort forward in order to reduce the number of electrical injuries and deaths from electrical hazards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim May 2003 as “ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH” in Augusta, Georgia. This month observes the importance of establishing and practicing electrical safety habits in the home, school and workplace to decrease electrical hazards, injuries, property damage and to prevent deaths.

I call upon the people of this city to participate in Electrical Safety Month activities and to conduct an electrical safety check of their home, school and workplace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia to be affixed this 12th day of May 2003.